AUGUST 31, 2025 **10:30A.M.**

The mission, vision, and purpose of New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church is to love, know and serve the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
We* Love God *through worship,* Know God *through Growth Groups, and* Serve God *by using our gifts both outside and inside the church.

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE-

***CALL TO WORSHIP- Psalm 63:1-4**

1 O God you are my God, earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you,
in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
2 I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.
3 Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.
4 I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

***A HYMN OF PRAISE # 428 In the Garden**

PASTORAL PRAYER & SILENT PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER-
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC- "Hymn of Heaven" Amy Geisinger

***DOXOLOGY**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***A HYMN OF PREPARATION # 464 Near to the Heart of God**
(Children dismissed for J.A.M. kids – meet leader at sanctuary door)

SERMON- "What Now"

HOLY SCRIPTURE LESSON – Joshua 1

***THE CLOSING HYMN # 76 Lead on O King Eternal**

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL CLOSING**
Shine, Jesus shine;
Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze;
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow;
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord and let there be light.

THE POSTLUDE-

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Transitional Pastor: Bob Stauffer
Head Usher: Bob Bell
Director of Music Ministry: Donna Fox
Praise Team Director: Jocilyn Csernyik
Director/Family Ministry: Lee Harris
Director/Children's Ministry: Dawn Harris
Sound/Video Technician: Nathan Book
Nursery Attendant: Brenda Miller

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Please remember in prayer the following persons who are hospitalized, receiving treatments, recuperating at home and those who have requested prayer.

Lavon Rogers----------John XXIII Nursing Home
Doris Spence----------Ridgecrest of McCandless
Judy Stuhlmanm----------Skilled Nursing at Assumption Village

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****J.A.M. (Jesus And Me) Kids during the 10:30 service.....Children in PreK – Gr. 3 are invited for a Bible lesson, craft, games. Parents can pick up their child after the service in the education wing***

WORSHIP OF PRAYER AND PRAISE 8:30A.M.

WORSHIP TEAM PRELUDE

It is Well with My Soul

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***SONGS OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE**

How Can it Be
Before the Throne of God
Crown Him (Majesty)

PASTORAL PRAYER & SILENT PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER-

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CLOSING SONG- *It is Well with My Soul

***BENEDICTION**

Sunday School continues during the summer months; all are welcome to join a class. Promotion Sunday will be Sept. 14th.

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SAVE the DATE: 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat



When: Wednesday, October 29th
5:00 PM
More info will be coming later… be thinking of decorating ideas for your car.

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If you would like to order tee shirts or sweat shirts with the church logo on it, see the bulletin boards in the education wing for more info. There is a flyer with a QR code to place your order.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

8:30A.M. Contemporary Service
9:30A.M. Sunday School for all ages
10:30A.M. Traditional Worship Service

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

9:00A.M. The Weight Group
5:00P.M. Staff meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

5:00P.M. Serving group
7:00P.M. Bible Study meets

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

11:00A.M. E.P.I.C. meets
6:30P.M. Evangelism Committee meets

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Please fill out a yellow welcome slip located in the pews or on the Welcome Cart in the Narthex. These are for prayer requests and/or visitors who would like more information about our church. Place it in the offering plate located at the back of the sanctuary or on the Welcome Cart.

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There is a kid's table in the vestibule with coloring/activity papers and fidget items that can be used during the service.



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There is NO J.A.M. Kids today August 31st. Please use the coloring and activity pages and/or fidget toys on the kids table during the service.

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Choir and Handbell rehearsals will begin Wednesday September 10th. New members are always welcome.



CARD SHOWER for Judy Stuhlmann
Dear New Bedford family, we reach out to invite you to shower Judy Stuhlmann with greeting cards filled with encouragement, love, and appreciation for her many years of faithful service to our church. As Judy continues her recovery in a nursing home after suffering a stroke, let us remind her that she is deeply loved, remembered, and lifted in our prayers. Your kind words and heartfelt messages will be a wonderful blessing to her spirit and a reminder of the lasting impact she has had on our congregation. Please send your blessings to Judy at the following address: Skilled Nursing at Assumption Village
c/o Judy Stuhlmann
9800 Market Street
North Lima, OH 44452

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The Evangelism Committee is still collecting for the Blessing Box. This is an ongoing ministry. Donations can be placed here at the church or in the Blessing Box at the Township Building. Thank you for your continuous generosity.



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Help support the youth by taking part in our candle fundraiser. We are partnering with Olivia Lockhart, owner of the C.O. candle company, and will be taking orders until Sept. 21st and delivery is Oct. 19th. All candles are $15 and money is due by the order date. Stop by the table in the vestibule and let our awesome samples help you decide which candles to purchase.



We extend our Deepest Sympathy on the passing of Ray Janoski to his wife Shirley Janoski, their son Brock, granddaughter Zoey and the entire Janoski family. He went to be with the Lord August 23. He was a long time and active member of this church. Ray will be dearly missed by his family, church family and all who knew him.

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NBEPC is forming a team to compete in the Kickball Tournament being held during the Pulaski Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept 13th at 2 PM. If you are interested in participating or for more info stop by the table in the lobby.



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Provide a snack for Awana as the kids are feasting on God's Word. **Snack donations are being accepted for individually wrapped/bagged snacks for the Awana kids during the year. Great options are fruit gummies, goldfish, crackers, teddy graham, cookies, etc. Please drop off any donations to the Awana shopping cart in the vestibule. Thank you**

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Extra copies of the September Redeeming Times Newsletter are available on the Welcome cart if you don't already receive one. If you would like to receive the newsletter, by email or paper please leave a note on Jaime's desk with your name and email or mailing address.



What Now? Joshua 1

A. What were they thinking?

1. **He needed to get their _____.**
2. **They needed to _____.**
3. **They needed to _____ _____.**

B. Some background for this story

1. **_____ _____ _____ had ventured in the wilderness for 40 years.**
2. **_____ had just died.**
3. **The land had been promised to _____ _____ years before.**

C. Joshua didn't have a lot of things but here is what _____ _____ _____.

1. **The _____ that the Lord's _____ to the people are true.**
2. **The _____ to fear is obedience to God and his _____.**
3. **Joshua understood the power of _____ and the _____ among God's people.**

D. So here are the lessons for us:

1. **God's _____ are _____ and _____**
2. **The antidote to _____ is to depend on God and His Word.**
3. **If we could understand the _____ _____ _____ and the unity of God's people then the Gates of Hell could not stand against us.**

E. Do you trust God with your _____.

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